

Getting the Most out of the Bible: Session 2. Fulfilled in Jesus.

As people come in music playing etc. Refreshments.

Equipment / resources – ipads, Bibles, notepads, pens.

Welcome.

Housekeeping. Wifi Code. Bibles. Phones. Ipads. Laptops.

It's OK to ask questions. Some questions I will answer, other questions I will point you in the direction of etc... If I feel we are going down rabbit holes with your questions or observations – then I may encourage us to keep on track – as we have a limited amount of time but please do write them down and we can pursue these questions next time.

Refreshments throughout the night – please help yourself.

- **Before we do anything let's pray.**
- **Introduction: Why are we doing this?**

The Bible is more than just a book—it's God's guide for life, offering wisdom, encouragement, and direction for every season we face. Through His Word, God speaks to us, shaping our hearts, renewing our minds, and guiding our steps. But let's be honest: reading the Bible can sometimes feel overwhelming. Where do we begin? How do we truly understand what it's saying? How can we dive deeper to uncover its treasures and apply them to our everyday lives?

My hope is that this study **begins** to equip us with practical tools to help you:

- Read the Bible with clarity and confidence.
- Discover its relevance and power for today's challenges.
- Apply its timeless truths to your personal journey.

My desire is that people get the most out of the Bible.

Re-cap last time. Blog – which JB will update to include this session.

Introduce this session. Getting The Most Out Of The Bible: Fulfilled in Christ.

- Explain why we are doing this topic – **suggestion from last time.** What does the Old Testament or how does the Old Testament depict Jesus? How are Old Testament prophecies fulfilled in the New Testament? What

does that mean for us?

Go through 'BIG' questions worksheet.

Are you ready to get started? Let's read the following.

Matthew 5:17: "Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose.

For a couple of minutes – just talk about this verse with your neighbour, what did Jesus mean?

Luke 24:25-27 – Road to Emmaus.

²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. ²⁶ Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?" ²⁷ Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Luke 24: 44-48.

⁴⁴ Then he said, "When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ And he said, "Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. ⁴⁷ It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations,^[f] beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.' ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of all these things.

Question: What is going on in Luke 24?

So, if Jesus is the fulfilment of Bible prophecy – how many Old Testament prophecies did he fulfil?

Watch video:

https://youtu.be/rVz284qPREo?si=nyup_clAITSrHP1Z from 2min 39 – 6m52.

Show Infographics.

How do we study Biblical Prophecy including prophecy that is related to Jesus?

Six points to studying Biblical Prophecy.

- **Beware of any preexisting personal theological biases you may have.**
- **Pay close attention to the context.**
- **Different genres of biblical literature have unique characteristics.** In the Bible, there are historical books (such as Acts), dramatic epics (Job), poetry (Psalms), wise sayings (Proverbs), and apocalyptic books (Daniel and Revelation). Each genre has unique characteristics. (Both poetry and apocalyptic books, for example, contain some symbols.) Genre-awareness helps us to interpret Bible books correctly.
- **Consult history and culture.** The more we understand the biblical world, the easier it is to interpret Bible verses.
- **Pay attention to the “law of double reference.”** A single prophetic scripture may refer to two events separated by a period of time. Both prophesied events blend into one picture, masking the intervening time period between them. While the time gap may not be clear in the text, it becomes evident in consultation with other verses. Zechariah 9:9-10 is an example: it prophesies both the first and second comings of Christ.
- **Watch for insights about Jesus.** From beginning to end—from Genesis to Revelation—the Bible is a Jesus book (John 5:39-40; Luke 24:27, 44). To illustrate, Jesus is involved in the rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17) and the second coming (Revelation 19:11-21), as well as the future judgments of Christians (2 Corinthians 5:10) and unbelievers (Revelation 20:11-15). To correctly understand Bible prophecy, always watch for how Jesus is involved. (<https://harvestprophecyhq.com/guidelines-for-interpreting-bible-prophecy/>)

Question for discussion: What is the role of Prophecy in the Bible?

The Role of Prophecy in the Bible and Today

In the Bible (Old & New Testament):

- **◆ Reveals God's plans and purposes** before they happen (Isaiah 46:9–10)
- **◆ Confirms God's sovereignty and foreknowledge** (Daniel 2:28; Amos 3:7)
- **◆ Points forward to Jesus the Messiah** – the ultimate fulfilment of prophecy (Luke 24:27)
- **◆ Calls people to repentance** and returning to God (Jeremiah 25:4–5)
- **◆ Warns of judgment** and consequences of sin (Jonah; Ezekiel 3:17–19)
- **◆ Encourages hope and restoration** for God's people (Isaiah 40:1–2; Jeremiah 29:11)
- **◆ Gives instruction for living righteously** (Micah 6:8; Malachi 3)
- **◆ Exposes false religion and injustice** (Isaiah 1; Amos 5)
- **◆ Builds faith by confirming God's Word** through fulfilled prophecy (Isaiah 7:14 → Matthew 1:23)
- **◆ Provides assurance of God's presence** and faithfulness (Deuteronomy 18:15–18)

In the New Testament & Today:

- **◆ Edifies, exhorts, and comforts the Church** (1 Corinthians 14:3)
- **◆ Strengthens the Church's mission** by revealing God's heart and direction (Acts 13:1–3)
- **◆ Equips believers for service and spiritual maturity** (Ephesians 4:11–13)
- **◆ Helps discern God's will in specific situations** (Acts 21:10–14 – Agabus warns Paul)
- **◆ Encourages spiritual gifts and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit** (1 Thessalonians 5:19–21)
- **◆ Warns and prepares the Church for future events** (Matthew 24; Revelation)
- **◆ Confirms identity and calling** in individuals' lives (1 Timothy 1:18)
- **◆ Fosters intimacy with God** by inviting believers to hear His voice (John 10:27)
- **◆ Glorifies Jesus**—true prophecy always points to Him (Revelation 19:10)

Activity. Talk through Worksheet.

Feedback.

Prayer.

